



Principal's Message

February came quickly and second semester already begins on February 2. February 1 starts African Heritage Month and there are several activities planned throughout the school and off school property. The guidance counsellors will be visiting the Junior High schools this month to begin registration and to review courses for September. Report cards will go home in early February. We are excited to host our show "Summer in the City" performed by the drama students later this month. The grade 9 parent meeting will be on February 8 at 6:30 pm and curriculum night will take place on February 15 at 6:30 pm. The prom committee will host a dance on February 13. We also encourage Grade 12 students to bring their acceptance for post-secondary along with any scholarships in to Ms. Saunders in the main office.

In March, we are encouraging students who have a 90% average or higher to apply for the Lieutenant Governor Award—given to two students who are in grade 11 who have shown commendable performance within their school and academic courses and services. The deadline to express your interest in this award is March 22. Interviews will be held to choose a male and female recipient.

Students who are graduating early should give their name to a guidance counsellor so they can be kept aware of what is taking place at school regarding fundraising, graduation and prom. Let's make this a memorable time for everyone. Check the website for yearbook deadlines. It isn't too late to get involved with school activities. Show your school spirit and come out to games to support all of our girls and boys teams. Thank you to the staff, liaisons and coaches for taking the time to coach our teams and advise our groups.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to continue to check PowerSchool to monitor the progress of their child's work. We also encourage you to keep in touch with the school regarding your child's attendance. Let's continue to work together so that our students feel a sense of purpose and progress.

Remember we offer our Breakfast program every morning and we thank our community partner for supporting this initiative.

During March Break the staff and students wish all those who are traveling a safe journey and for those staying home a restful time with family and friends. Let's spring into spring with a new way of thinking and appreciation for the time given by staff and students on a regular basis.

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Friday, February 2 is the first day of second semester. Please report to your A block class to start the day.





Don't forget to check the school website: abn.hrce.ca for updates on what is happening at Auburn.

Instagram: [@boomertheeagle](https://www.instagram.com/boomertheeagle) for student council and sports updates.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 1- BINGO Fundraiser for Greece Trip at 6pm
- 2 -Semester 2—Report to your A Block Class
- 5- SAC Meeting, at 6pm
- 8- Incoming Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Meeting at 6:30pm
- 13—Dance, Fundraiser for Prom from 7pm—10pm
- 15- Curriculum Night at 6:30pm
- 19—Heritage Day, No Classes
- 20-23—Drama Production 6pm—10pm

March

- 11- 15 —March Break
- 20—International day of Happiness
- 21- International Day for the Elimination of Racism
- 29—Good Friday, No Classes

COURSE SELECTION

Course selection for the 2024/25 school year will begin this month.

Guidance counsellors and the registrar from Auburn will visit our feeder schools on January 30 & 31 as well on February 14 & 15 to help grade 9 students plan for high school next year.

Course selection for current Grade 10 and 11 students will take place at the end of February and into the month of March.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;

Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and

Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the [HRCE website](http://hrce.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

CELEBRATE AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2024

The theme for African Heritage Month 2024 is "Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians." This month-long celebration is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the history and culture of people of African descent. The theme coincides with the final year of the United Nations' International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD) 2015-2024, which aims to promote global cooperation in support of people of African descent, raise awareness, and acknowledge their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

Nova Scotia is home to more than 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities with a rich, deep, and complex history that spans more than 400 years. African Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and showcase the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African Nova Scotians, both past and present.

Listen to our announcements each day during the month of February for *Daily Trivia Questions*.



"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes the fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." – Rosa Parks, Civil Rights activist

**Food Allergy
Warning**

**A School Community Member
is SEVERELY ALLERGIC to
STRAWBERRIES**

**Please do not bring Strawberries
to school to help keep everyone
safe.**

**Thank you for your
cooperation!**



Attention Grads!

If you are attending a post-secondary institution and have received a scholarship or a bursary that you would like acknowledged at graduation, please bring a copy of both your scholarship letter and the letter of acceptance to the institution in to Mrs. Saunders in the main office.



ON THE FINE ARTS FRONT

Dinner Theatre Returns!

This year our fine arts department has been working hard to create some new opportunities for students to show off their skills as well as keeping a few from past years.

Our Dinner Theatre production of *Summer in the City*, is looking up to be a nostalgic and fun trip back to the 1970's as we watch the first big surf movie come to Cole Harbour with a host of Hollywood hilarity. There'll be some great seventies music hits like The Carpenters, Martha and the Vandellas, Van Morrison, and The Stampeders!

We haven't had a show here at the school since 2020 just before the pandemic! The show runs two nights, Feb 21 and 22, with a student matinee on the 21st before lunchtime.

Dinner will be catered by Auburn's own Tony Cain with a cheesecake finish! Tickets are on sale through Mr. Sadler and the members of the cast and crew. A full price show ticket including the meal is \$20, \$10 for Auburn staff and students for the dinner shows, and there will be a \$5 for students matinee that does not include food on Wednesday Feb 21.

Auburn Improv Team

Auburn's hard working Eagle Improv team- Aubprov!- is going to be competing for the Canada Improv Games Regional competition on Feb 20th at Cole Harbour High. These improv actors have been training since the fall and have competed in two practice rounds ahead of this event. Our seniors include Cole Brooks, Bethany Foster, and Bonnie Dalesandro, who have all been with the team since grade 10, and introducing Isabela Foss who is a grade 12 just joining us this year.

Wish them luck, and they might have a chance to win a spot at the national competition in Ottawa!

The Return of the AUBCON!

AUBCON! Is returning to Auburn Drive after a lengthy hiatus due to covid and we are excited to see it make its return. What is it you may ask? Well it's our very own sci-fi/ fantasy/ gaming/ cosplay/ artist vendors/ D&D/comics and collectibles/ anime celebration!

On May 25th here at the school, we will be hosting a day of activities for all the nerd and geek culture enthusiasts. There will be a gym full of fun artist vendors and comics and collectibles, and gaming displays. There will hopefully be a cosplay competition for those interested.

We will also have a drop in video gaming room as well as some competition video game tournaments. There are going to be several D&D games being run, board and card games, as well as activities for the younger kids. There will be a canteen for food and snacks throughout the day.

ON THE FINE ARTS FRONT (CONT...)



AUBCON! 2024 is being dedicated to Jennifer Johns, who organized this event for several years and was a tremendous supporter of the school community here at Auburn. She is greatly missed after her battle with cancer that ended last spring. A portion of the event proceeds are going to a charity of her family's choosing.

This is an event open to the public running on May 25th from 10am to 5pm at Auburn Drive High School 300 Auburn Drive, Cole Harbour NSI. Tickets are \$7 regular, \$5 for students, and kids under 10 are free. Hope to see you there.

Instagram: [aub_con2024](#)

Email: aubcon2024@gmail.com for more information.

AUBURN ATHLETICS UPDATE

We had an exciting end to our Football Season with a Nova Scotia High School Provincial Championship Victory and Gold Medal in a hard-fought battle against Bay View High School. Well done Auburn Eagles! This is our second ever Provincial Championship in High School Football.

Our Boys' Volleyball team was able to bring home a Silver Medal at Nova Scotia High School Provincial Championship. This is our first trip to the podium in a while and we are looking forward to continued success on the courts next year.

The Hockey Seasons for both our Boy's & Girl's teams are coming to an end. Although this season posed some challenges for both squads, they each managed to win away tournaments this season.

The Basketball Regional Championships are set to begin next week, and we are hopeful to land provincial berths in: Girl's Varsity, Boys' Varsity & Boy's Junior Varsity. Our Auburn Girl's Varsity team are the defending Nova Scotia High School Provincial Champions.

Our Auburn Cheer team is in full swing and are looking forward to our upcoming Regional & Provincial Championships.

New sports can start up in the second semester: Rugby for both Girls & Boys, Skiing, Snowboarding, Badminton, Table Tennis, Slow-pitch and Track & Field. The Girl's Rugby Team earned a Bronze Medal at last year's Nova Scotia High School Provincial Championship in New Glasgow. Their first trip to the podium in over a decade and we look forward to the challenges that this season will bring.



Red Means Stop! School Bus Safety Reminder

HRCE has recorded 691 school bus stop-arm violations in Halifax Regional Municipality since the beginning of the school year. This means that motorists have failed to stop for a bus when its red lights were flashing and the stop sign was extended. This poses a serious risk to children and families who may be crossing the road to enter or exit the bus. Drivers may also face a fine and demerit points if caught by police.

Help us spread the word to remind drivers (including cyclists) that it is illegal to drive past a school bus when they see its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended.

Drivers must slow down and prepare to stop in all directions when they see flashing lights – either amber or red in colour – on a school bus. This means the bus is planning to stop or may have already.



REMINDER

There will be no classes on Monday, February 19 for Heritage Day honouring William Hall.



This year's prom will take place on June 25 at Pier 21. To help reduce the ticket cost for the prom, the committee will be having several fundraisers throughout the year. Stay tuned for upcoming dances with proceeds going to prom as well as the fundraisers below:



- Gift card basket: All graduates are asked to bring in a minimum \$10 gift card by February 5th. Tickets will be sent home with students later that week with a draw date the end of February.
- Do you have stuff piling in your basement you want to clean out but just cannot find the time? How about that closet in the spare bedroom, the one with all those clothes you won't throw out because "someday you will wear them again" Maybe you need help shovelling the old snow off your back deck so on that one day in February/March when the temperature goes above minus a hundred you can pretend it's spring and use your bbq.... If this sounds like you, or someone you know consider hiring a grad! Our ever so helpful grade 12 students have generously offered their assistance to the community to do small jobs or clean up inside or outside of your home, for a fee of \$50 for two hours work. This event will be offered on a Friday afternoon from 12:30-2:30 pm. The date is TBA. If you are interested in hiring a grad, please email slohnes@hrce.ca or msaunders@hrce.ca to book your spot. ALL money raised will go directly to offset the costs of Auburn Drive High School's 2024 prom.
- Prize a day in May: Students will be asked to bring in prizes for daily draws during the month of May. A letter can be provided to give to organizations for donations as well. Tickets will be sold in April.

Please support our fundraising efforts to help lower the price of prom tickets!

BLEACHER PROJECT

At Auburn High School, our priority is making sure our students have all the tools they need to learn and thrive in all areas of education. This includes both academics and athletics.



Our bleachers are used for school sporting events, school gatherings, for community activities, and community sporting events throughout the year.

In 2023-24 it is our goal to replace the bleachers in our gymnasium as the current bleachers are now 29 years old and can no longer be repaired. In order to raise the money to replace them we will be doing several fundraisers throughout the year.

Please stay tuned for our upcoming fundraisers. First up will be a rafflebox 50/50 sale which will be online soon. There will also be some local competitions happening, i.e. a hockey game.

Please watch our website for information on how you can participate in these fundraisers!

From Student Services

Follow us on Instagram, @auburnstudentservices and check on the bulletin board in Student Services & the website regularly for updates on available scholarships, bursaries and other school news.

“Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake”
Sara Raasch, “Snow Like Ashes”



Brooklyn and Radell prepare the coffee carts for the Learning Centre's daily coffee and treat delivery to staff.